

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects adults and children in South Carolina not only as victim survivors but also as family members, loved ones, friends, neighbors or coworkers of a victim; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault is one of the most devastating crimes in our society today, with victims often suffering lifelong pain from physical injury and serious emotional trauma; and

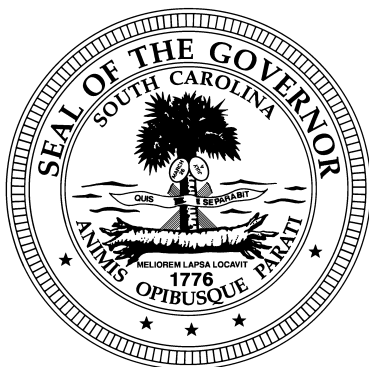
WHEREAS, volunteers and service providers in our communities are dedicated to providing care to sexual assault survivors through 24-hour hotlines, counseling, support groups, advocacy, medical care and education; and

WHEREAS, the 2005 observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month encourages people to get involved and to work together to reduce sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2005 as

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together to prevent sexual assault and ensure a life free from harm for the residents of the Palmetto State.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA